

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	) U.S. National Stage of
	) International Application
Sandrine Dulac, et al.	) No. PCT/FR2004/003002
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Application No. 10/596,057	) Examiner: Devang R. Patel
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Confirmation No. 1254	) Art Unit: 1793
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Filed: May 26, 2006	)
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For: ALUMINUM ALLOY STRIP	)
FOR BRAZING	)

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 7, 2009**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2009. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is April 7, 2009, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. A request for continued examination (RCE) has been submitted concurrently herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.